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Rep. Murtha Returns from Midwest Political Delegation to Taiwan

Madison- Representative John Murtha (R-Baldwin) has returned from a weeklong outreach effort to Taiwan. This trip, fully funded by the Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office out of Chicago, was intended to strengthen ties between Taiwan and the upper Midwest.

Taiwan is a leading importer of U.S. agricultural goods. In 2014, Wisconsin's exports to Taiwan reached \$182.01 million. Taiwan is Wisconsin's 7th largest export market in Asia, and 21st largest export market in the world. Representative Murtha issued the following statement about his trip:

"I am honored by my selection to participate in this visit. Our trip was a successful one and helped me understand the close relationship the state of Wisconsin has with the country of Taiwan. This is a mutually beneficial partnership which I hope continues to grow. There is much we as a state can offer to Taiwan, and there is also much that they can offer us through continued trade, reciprocity, and investment. My week was very educational and I look forward to engaging my fellow legislators from around the upper Midwest in discussions on strengthening and expanding our relationships in Asia."

The delegation toured governmental, cultural, and commercial agencies throughout Taipei and the island of Taiwan. Sites and calls included the American State Offices Association, the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, ASUS Computer Inc., the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the High Speed Rail System, the Ministry of Education, and the National Palace Museum. Murtha was joined by legislators and public servants from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, and Ohio.

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